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SUBJECT: MALAWIAN SUGAR

1. JERRY TRIPPE, SUGAR LOBBYIST FOR GOM, CALLED COUNTRY OFFICER FOR MALAWI DEC 11 TO REPORT FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS:

2. MALAWI'S LAST SHIPMENT OF SUGAR TO US TO FILL OUT 1974 QUOTA WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO LEAVE BEIRA IN LATE NOV. DUE TO VARIOUS DELAYS (STRIKE AT BEIRA, RAIL BOTTLENECKS IN MOZAMBIQUE, BAD WEATHER IN DURBAN, ETC.) SHIP DID NOT SAIL UNTIL DEC 11 AND CANNOT HOPE TO REACH US BEFORE JAN. 2-3 AT THE EARLIEST, I.E., AFTER END OF CALENDAR YEAR. THUS MALAWI WILL NOT FULFILL 1974 QUOTA AND MAY BE AT DISADVANTAGE WHEN AND IF NEW SUGAR QUOTAS ESTABLISHED.

3. HOWEVER, EXISTING SUGAR LEGISLATION PROVIDES FORCE MAJEURE CLAUSE WHICH PERMITS AN EXCUSE FROM NON-FULFILLMENT OF QUOTA BEFORE END OF CALENDAR YEAR IF FACTORS BEYOND A GOVERNMENT'S CONTROL DELAY DELIVERY, AND IF SECRETARY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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AGRICULTURE IS NOTIFIED OF THE FORCE MAJEURE SITUATION. IN

THIS CASE, THE COUNTRY WOULD NOT SUFFER A REDUCTION OF NEW SUGAR QUOTA.

4. TRIPPE PLANS ORALLY INFORM USDA OF ABOVE DELAYS AND ILL FOLLOW UP WITH LETTER. HE WOULD VALUE AMBASSADOR

STEVENSON'S COMMENTS ON OR CONFIRMATION OF GOM INABILITY TO FILL QUOTA DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE SITUATION. ACCORDING TRIPPE, AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED INTEREST IN DOING SO WHEN TRIPPE LAST IN MALAWI.

5. GOM MAY ADVISE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE OF DELAYS EITHER VIA LETTER FROM LOBBYIST (MOST LIKELY ALTERNATIVE) OR VIA OFFICIAL LETTER FROM MALAWI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. POST MAY WISH TO CHECK WITH APPROPRIATE GOM OFFICIALS TO MAKE SURE ALL FACTS ON FORCE MAJEURE SITUATION HAVE BEEN CABLED TO TRIPPE SINCE HE MUST MAKE FORMAL WRITTEN PRESENTATION TO USDA IN NEAR FUTURE. IF AMBASSADOR PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, DEPT PLANS PASS SUBSTANCE OF HIS COMMENTS TO TRIPPE FOR INCLUSION IN LETTER. INGERSOLL

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